

**Lead Compliance Plan  
Facility Characterization**

**Rocky Flats Environmental Technology Site**

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## **LEAD COMPLIANCE PLAN**

### **Characterization Project**

#### **1.0 PURPOSE**

The purpose of this plan is to minimize potential worker exposure to lead and inorganic lead compounds in a manner consistent with the requirements set forth by the OSHA Lead Standard. This Lead Compliance Plan has been written to satisfy the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.62(e)(2). This plan applies to all subcontractors characterizing facilities at RFETS.

#### **2.0 SCOPE OF WORK**

The work to be performed under this plan includes scraping painted surfaces for sample collection and characterization of various facilities.

The crew will consist of three (3) to seven (7) employees. Hand tools to be used could include: hammers, chisels, sawzall, nibbler, heat gun, shears, scrapers, and wire brushes.

#### **3.0 GOOD HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES**

Removal of loose dust on work surfaces, to the extent practical, will be performed to maintain a clean work area. Surfactant, where practical and feasible, will be used to control lead dust and adhesive from becoming airborne. When applicable a HEPA vacuum may be used to pick up pieces of lead paint chips and dust. The area will be maintained free of clutter and unnecessary equipment which could cause unsafe conditions, (i.e. tripping hazard).

#### 4.0 GENERAL WORK PRACTICES

Painted surfaces will be scraped using various hand tools. The intent is to collect an adequate sample for analysis of various elements including Lead. Good housekeeping practices will be implemented to maintain surfaces as free as practical from accumulation of lead during the course of lead work. The use of compressed air to remove lead dust from any surface is prohibited. Water may be used as a dust suppressant.

#### 5.0 EXPOSURE ASSESSMENT

An initial determination of employee's exposure to lead is to be performed on any new task on lead painted surfaces. Monitoring will continue to be performed on employees who may be exposed to the greatest airborne concentration of lead or who are representative of a job classification's exposure. Personal air samples representative of a full shift in the affected work area will be collected, to the extent possible. Full shift personal samples will be collected by Industrial Hygiene as feasible and shall be representative of the monitored employee's regular, daily exposure to lead. All air samples shall be analyzed by an AIHA accredited laboratory using NIOSH or OSHA procedures. *(see attached air sampling data from building 779)*

If continuous employee exposure monitoring results are below  $30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  as lead or lead compounds, no further sampling is required unless there is a change in materials or work practices. Data from previous characterization sampling activities may be used as representative data in determining a negative exposure assessment. If the initial monitoring shows personal exposure to lead at or above  $30 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  but below  $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ , personal exposure sampling must be performed every six months. Results in excess of  $50 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  will require personal exposure sampling every 12 weeks (see 29 CFR 1926.62 (d)(6)).

From previous glovebox work, air monitoring data from building 779 shows that removing lead (hand chisel) shielding from gloveboxes does not expose workers to

airborne levels at the action level. An assessment of the sampling of paint and other surfaces indicates they do not create an airborne lead hazard while removing lead by hand chisel on gloveboxes.

## **6.0 EMPLOYEE NOTIFICATION**

Within 5 working days after receipt of personal air sampling results, employees shall be notified in writing of their exposure, and the corrective measures taken to reduce that exposure, if applicable.

## **7.0 RESPIRATORY PROTECTION**

Respirators will be selected from Appendix I on the basis of actual or anticipated exposure levels. Refer to 29 CFR 1926.62(d)(2) for specific tasks and anticipated exposure levels. All negative pressure air purifying respirators shall be fitted with high efficiency particulate (HEPA) filters. Quantitative fit tests shall be performed at the time of initial fitting and annually thereafter.

## **8.0 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE CLOTHING**

Employees shall wear work coveralls when performing lead work. For exposures at or above the (PEL) permissible exposure level and as interim protection employees shall wear disposable coveralls (Tyvek) or similar full-body work clothing to include coveralls, gloves, head covers, and shoe coverlets. Any additional PPE will be for radiation exposure identified on the Radiological Work Permit (RWP).

Disposable protective clothing and equipment, that is worn where employees are exposed to lead in excess of the PEL or as interim protection for employees performing tasks as specified in paragraph (d)(2) of 29 CFR 1926.62 (i.e. manual scraping, torch cutting), must be placed in a container at a designated change area prior to leaving the work area. The container must be labeled "CAUTION: CLOTHING CONTAMINATED WITH LEAD. DO NOT REMOVE DUST BY BLOWING OR SHAKING".

Employees shall not leave the work area wearing potentially lead contaminated work clothing. Showers, hand washing facilities, and a clean dressing area will be provided to employees.

All employees are prohibited from smoking, eating or chewing tobacco in the work areas.

## **9.0 MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE**

Medical surveillance will be provided to any employee who may be occupationally exposed on any day to lead in concentrations that are at or above the action level. Blood lead and ZPP (zinc protoporphyrin) bioassays will be required. Each employee will be tested prior to beginning work. If air monitoring indicates exposure above the action level, testing will be conducted at least every two months for the first six months and every six months thereafter. Additional testing will be required if blood lead levels are found to be above 40 µg/dl. (See 29 CFR 1926.62(j)(iv)(2)(A-C).

Further medical examinations and consultations are not required unless the employee will be exposed to airborne lead for 30 days or more in twelve consecutive months, the blood sample results are 40 µg/dl or greater or the employee develops signs or symptoms of lead poisoning. (See 29 CFR 1926.62(j)(3)(i)(A-C). Employees must be notified of their biological monitoring results within five days of their availability.

## 10.0 TRAINING

All employees shall receive hazard communication training pursuant to 29 CFR 1926.59 prior to working with lead or lead compounds. Each employee that may be exposed to lead above the action limit will also receive additional training to include the following:

- Nature of the work.
- The hazards of lead and its effect to employee health.
- Proper use of respirator.
- Medical surveillance program.
- Contents of this compliance plan.

Employee training will be conducted by course #019-574-01 or equivalent. Proper documentation will be made each time this training is given.

A copy of OSHA Lead Standard 29 CFR 1926.62 shall be made available upon employee request.

The work area where exposure to lead at or above the action level is possible, shall be barricaded and warning signs placed frequently around the barricaded area to warn other employees. The work area will have controlled points of access. Controls will be implemented to prevent lead contaminated airborne dust from escaping the work areas.

If the PEL is exceeded warning signs shall be black lettering on yellow background and state 'WARNING'; 'LEAD WORK AREA'; 'POISON'; 'NO SMOKING OR EATING'. All signs shall meet the requirements of 29 CFR 1926.62(m)

## **11.0 RECORD KEEPING**

All employee exposure sampling and medical records shall be maintained by Occupational Health for the duration of employment plus 30 years.

## APPENDIX 1

## RESPIRATORY PROTECTION FOR LEAD EXPOSURE

Airborne concentration of lead or condition of use.	Required respirator.
Not in excess of 500 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .	Half face Air-purifying respirator with HEPA filters.
Not in excess of 2,250 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .	Full face air-purifying respirator with HEPA filters or Full face Powered air-purifying respirator with HEPA filters.
Not in excess of 50,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .	Supplied air respirator with pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.
Not in excess of 100,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .	Full face supplied air respirator with pressure demand or other positive pressure mode.
Greater than 100,000 $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ .	Full face, self contained breathing apparatus, pressure demand mode.

HEPA A high efficiency particulate filter (HEPA) is one that is 99.97% efficient against particles of size 0.3 microns or larger.

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